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## Join us for Oundle's Christmas Market

Oundle Town Council will hold its annual traditional Christmas Market on Saturday 2 December 2023 from 10am to 5pm. With over 90 stalls filling the Market Place, Queen Victoria Hall, and West Street with a fabulous array of food, gifts, and goodies - you're sure to find that perfect gift or something extra special just for you.



Santa will be in his Grotto outside The Talbot Hotel surrounded by his reindeer, sleigh, and elves, with the Fun Fair close by to entertain the kids. There will be lots of festive cheer to enjoy with Nassington & Yarwell Brass Band and Oundle Gilbert & Sullivan singing some popular carols by the Christmas Tree on Market Place so everyone can join in. This year, we are delighted to welcome the wonderful Herbie Lamb Quartet for a live performance in Queen Victoria Hall. Their music is sure to get everyone in the Christmas spirit.

### **We are pleased to announce the return of the Christmas light switch-on this year!**

Join us at **3:30 PM** by the Christmas tree, and watch as Mayor David Chapple reveals our beautiful display, along with some exciting new lights on West Street.

**There will be lots of FREE parking with disabled parking areas close to the town.**



A map of the stalls and details about the free parking will be posted on Oundle Town Council's website [\*\*Oundle.gov.uk\*\*](http://Oundle.gov.uk) and Facebook [\*\*@www.oundle.gov.uk\*\*](https://www.facebook.com/www.oundle.gov.uk)

## Meet Your Town Clerk



I have been the Town Clerk for Oundle Town Council for over 6 years, starting in January 2017, but have been a Clerk since 2003. I worked for Finedon Parish Council, as it was then but is now a Town Council, and then at Brixworth Parish Council. I enjoy being a Town Clerk as it is an historic profession and is a vital role in the local government system. A Town Clerk is responsible for ensuring that the council is accountable to its residents and that it delivers the services that they need. They are also responsible for ensuring the Council meets its legal and statutory obligations, and that it operates in a fair, efficient and transparent manner. The Town Clerk is also the council's chief executive officer, and is responsible for the day-to-day management of the council's staff and resources.

Oundle is a lovely historic town to work in and during the 6 years I have been in Oundle I have met many residents who care passionately about their town and are keen to ensure it remains a place worth visiting. The role can be challenging at times, however it is made much easier by working with positive and enthusiastic colleagues and Councillors.

### Can you help Oundle Museum?

Oundle Museum is an award winning museum run by volunteers since 1994 but they need more people to get involved to ensure its continuity for many years to come.

### Can you spare a bit of time to help with:

- **Stewarding** to welcome & help visitors
- **Administration** to assist with planning & exhibitions
- **Publicity & Promotion** to help with newsletters or social media

If you can help & want to give something back to the local community contact Oundle museum at [info@oundlemuseum.org.uk](mailto:info@oundlemuseum.org.uk)

### New memorial bench on Snipe Meadow



A new memorial bench, funded by a resident, has been installed on Snipe Meadow in loving memory of Jim and Parry Irving.



Remembrance Sunday Parade  
Sunday 12 November 2023  
2.10pm at the War Memorial

Parade will be livestreamed on our Facebook page.

**LIVE** [@www.oundle.gov.uk](https://www.facebook.com/oundle)  
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## Oundle Medical Practice

Oundle Town Council continues to do what it can to support the Oundle Medical Practice which is part of the Lakeside Healthcare Group. This includes working on obtaining additional funding so it can take on additional numbers of patients due to the increasing number of new houses being built in Oundle. This includes 130 houses being built on the land off the east side of Cotterstock Road and 65 houses with an extra care facility on the land between St Christopher's Drive and the A605. Last year, Oundle Town Council consulted with Lakeside Healthcare Group on what was needed to expand the Oundle Practice. This was included in the Hearing in Public of the Local Plan by Oundle Town Council.

In September, a councillor representing the council held a meeting with the Chief Executive of the Lakeside Healthcare Group and a senior medical doctor at the practice. It proved helpful and in that meeting they informed the council that the Oundle Medical Practice now have -

- **4 GP Partners**
- **1 Salaried GP – retiring soon but to be replaced by GP Partner**
- **1 Advanced Nurse Practitioner**
- **1 Community Nurse**
- **3 Practice Nurses**
- **3 Healthcare Assistants**

### Looking ahead

The Lakeside Healthcare Group & the Practice maintain contact with the NHS Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board – the ICB, who actively seek contributions from developers which is used to support services provided by GP Practices. Oundle Town Council are also in contact with the ICB who informed them that they would work with them to use any s106 contributions received to support the Oundle Practice to take account of additional patients in Oundle: this will be after the occupation of the 50th house on the Cotterstock Road site (expected in January, 2024) and after the occupation of the first house on the St Christopher's Drive site where building has not yet started.

### The Patients' Participation Group

The Patients' Participation Group (the PPG) maintain on-going contact with Oundle Practice. For further information and to contact the PPG Group visit the Oundle Medical Practice website:

[oundlesurgery.nhs.uk/patient-participation-group](https://oundlesurgery.nhs.uk/patient-participation-group)